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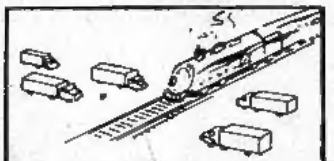

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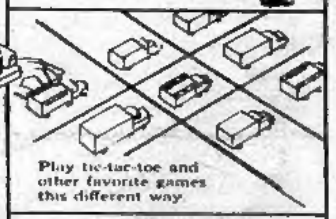

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HALF MAN, HALF...?

YOU'RE HUNGRY! NOT ORDINARY, STOMACH-HUNGRY, BUT HUNGRY FOR MONEY AND THE POWER MONEY CAN BUY! NOW IT'S ALMOST IN YOUR GRASP... THE BIG MONEY... THE BIG POWER!

YOU SIT THERE BEHIND THE SHIELD WITH THE OTHERS AND YOU WATCH THE EXPLOSION! THIS IS **YOUR** BABY! IT'S NOT AN ATOM BOMB... NOT AN H-BOMB... THIS IS A C-BOMB... **COBALT!**

COBALT, PACKED WITH NEUTRONIC POWER, BUT ELUSIVE, UNPREDICTABLE! BUT YOU'VE LICKED IT... THE TEST PROVES IT!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE DONE IT, NOSTRUM!
MAKES THE ATOM BOMB LOOK LIKE A FIRECRACKER! BUT I STILL SAY IT'S DANGEROUS, UNSTABLE! WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT ITS EFFECT!

YOU SMILE THINLY AS YOU LEAVE THE BARREN, NEW MEXICO PROVING GROUNDS! THE OTHERS WALK IN GROUPS, *YOU* WALK *ALONE*... AS ALWAYS!

HOW THEY HATED TO CONGRATULATE ME! BUT WHO NEEDS THEIR HANDSHAKES! WHAT COMES AFTERWARD IS WHAT COUNTS! IF THEY ONLY KNEW... THEY'D HATE ME EVEN MORE!

YOU SIT IN THE JOLTING JEEP, ISOLATED BY YOUR THOUGHTS! YOU THINK OF YOUR WIFE JULIA, AND YOUR SON!

I MARRIED HER FOR HER MONEY AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE! BUT HER FATHER HATES ME AND WON'T HELP AND THE MONEY WAS A MIRAGE! NOW WE'VE GOT YOUNG TIMMY, ANOTHER MILLSTONE AROUND MY NECK!

HATE... MONEY... THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT WORDS IN YOUR VOCABULARY! BUT NOW THAT THE EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS, YOU'RE GOING TO CHANGE ALL THAT!

LET ME OUT HERE! WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY EXTENSIVE TESTS UNTIL THE RADIATION CLEARS! MEANWHILE I'M GOING TO GET A DRINK AND THEN SOME SLEEP!

WE'LL CALL YOU IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS BEFORE YOU SHOW UP AGAIN!

YOU WALK TO THE SALOON NEAR YOUR HOUSE! YOU GET YOUR DRINK AND CARRY IT TO THE BACK BOOTH... AND *HE'S* WAITING...

PREPARE YOUR NOTES ON THE TEST RESULTS AND BE READY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS! MY GOVERNMENT WILL BUY YOUR INFORMATION AT THE PRICE YOU ASKED! IT IS QUITE PROFITABLE SELLING OUT YOUR COUNTRY, EH, PROFESSOR?

ALLOW THE DIRTY SPY HIS DIGS! YOU'RE GETTING WHAT YOU WANT! YOU FINISH YOUR DRINK... YOU LEAVE AND GO HOME...

DADDY, I HEARD ALL ABOUT...

DON'T BOTHER ME! GO OUT AND PLAY!

THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, YOU AND THE STAFF TABULATE THE RESULTS OF THE C-BOMB TEST...

ANOTHER OF THOSE GHOUL KILLINGS... ABOUT A MILE FROM HERE! PRINTS OF SOME KIND OF MONSTER NEAR THE BODY!

NEWSPAPERS ARE HINTING THAT WHATEVER IT IS MUST BE TIED UP WITH THE NEW BOMB TESTS!

RUBBISH! THEY'LL BE SEEING WEREWOLVES AND VAMPIRES NEXT AND BLAMING IT ON US! I'M GOING OUT TO THE PROVING GROUNDS!

TAKE THIS ALONG WITH THE GEIGER COUNTER... THE CHIEF'S ORDERS! PEOPLE ARE GETTING STIRRED UP ABOUT THESE MONSTERS AND MIGHT MAKE TROUBLE FOR ANYONE FROM THIS PROJECT!

YOU DRIVE OUT TO THE PROVING GROUNDS TO CHECK SOME FIGURES! YOUR FINDINGS MUST BE EXACTLY RIGHT... NO MARGIN FOR ERROR WHEN YOU'RE SELLING OUT YOUR COUNTRY...

YOU START DOWN INTO THE CRATER! ROCKS SCATTER DOWN BELOW AS SOMETHING MOVES...
HELLO! WHO'S DOWN THERE?

FRIGHT FREEZES YOU! BUT SELF-PRESERVATION WINS OUT! THE GUN IS IN YOUR HAND BLASTING AT THE THING!
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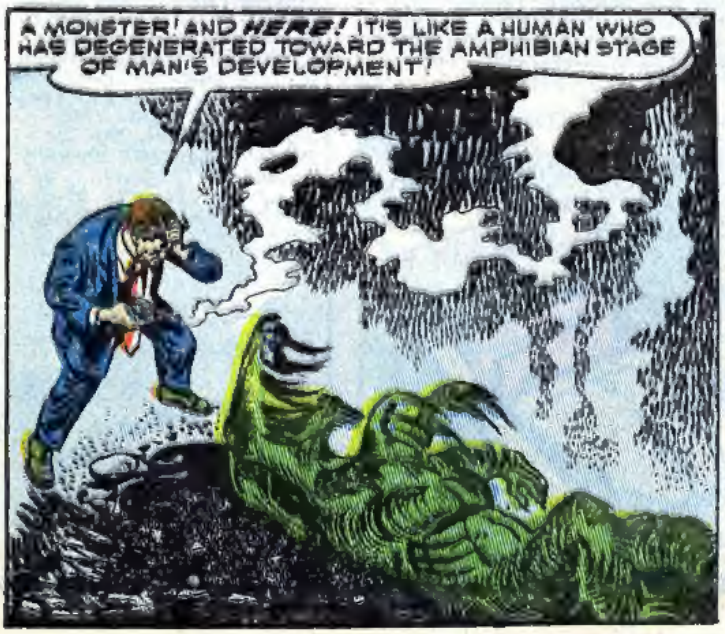
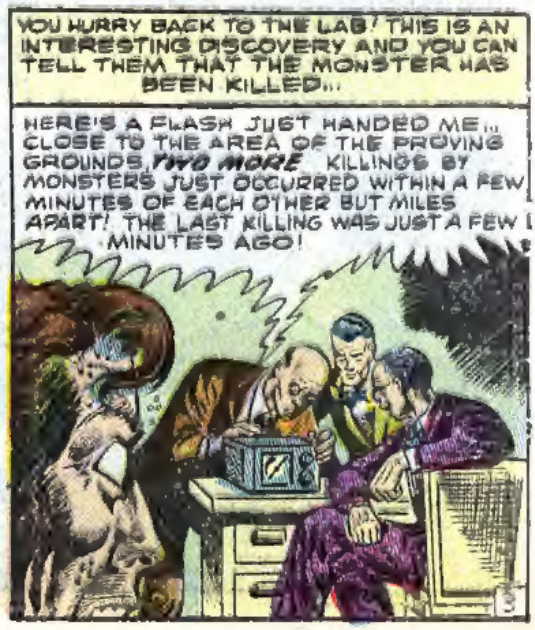

A MONSTER! AND HERE! IT'S LIKE A HUMAN WHO HAS DEGENERATED TOWARD THE AMPHIBIAN STAGE OF MAN'S DEVELOPMENT!


YOU HURRY BACK TO THE LAB! THIS IS AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY AND YOU CAN TELL THEM THAT THE MONSTER HAS BEEN KILLED...
HERE'S A FLASH JUST HANDED ME... CLOSE TO THE AREA OF THE PROVING GROUNDS, TWO MORE KILLINGS BY MONSTERS JUST OCCURRED WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF EACH OTHER BUT MILES APART! THE LAST KILLING WAS JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO!

THERE ARE *MORE* OF THEM! THEY MUST'VE BEEN CAUSED BY ONE OF THE UNSTABLE ELEMENTS IN COBALT! I MUST *FIND* THEM... *KILL* THEM, OR IT MIGHT RUIN THE SALE OF MY INFORMATION TO THE COMMIES!

YOU'RE A SCIENTIST, SO YOU GO ABOUT THIS IN A SCIENTIFIC MANNER! YOU FIND OUT WHO, WITHIN A TEN-MILE AREA OF THE PROVING GROUNDS, HAS BEEN MISSING THE LAST FEW WEEKS...

FIVE PEOPLE MISSING! THREE OF THEM IN THE COMPANY OF *OTHER* PEOPLE WHEN THE BOMB WENT OFF! THAT PROVES THAT THE ELEMENT THAT CHANGES MEN INTO MONSTERS ONLY EFFECTS CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS! SOMETHING TO DO WITH METABOLISM OF BLOOD TYPES!

THE TELEPHONE RINGS...

NOSTRUM? JUST GOT A CALL FROM MRS. FORBES... THE PROFESSOR HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE LAST NIGHT!

I'LL GO RIGHT OVER THERE!

YOU PULL UP OUTSIDE THE FORBES' HOUSE! YOU GET OUT OF THE CAR, YOUR MIND AWHIRL WITH THOUGHT...

PROFESSOR FORBES WAS WITH ME AND THE OTHERS BEHIND THE SCREEN WHEN THE BOMB WENT OFF! IF IT'S AFFECTED *HIM*, IT PROVES THAT THE ELEMENT WORKS AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS ON DIFFERENT PEOPLE!

YOU HEAR THE SOUND IN THE BUSHES! YOU WHIRL, GUN IN HAND AND YOU SEE IT!

BANG

THE MONSTER IS DEAD AND ON ITS PAW IT WEARS A...

THAT RING... I REMEMBER IT! THAT'S FORBES ALL RIGHT! I'LL BURY IT AT THE PROVING GROUNDS!

WHAT A HORRIBLE THING TO HAPPEN TO A MAN! HE'S BETTER OFF DEAD! I'VE *GOT* TO FIND THE OTHERS AND KILL THEM BEFORE HYSTERICS GRIP THE WHOLE COUNTRY!

MAYBE THEY COME BACK TO THE PLACE WHERE IT STARTED... SOME INNER NECESSITY DRIVING THEM TO THE PROVING GROUND CRATER WHERE I KILLED THE FIRST ONE! IT'S JUST A HUNCH... BUT I SWEAR I'LL GET EVERY ONE OF THEM!

FIVE MISSING PERSONS...ONE YOU'VE PREVIOUSLY KILLED...NOW THE OTHER FOUR ARE DEAD AND YOU DIG THE GRAVES, AN EXTRA ONE FOR THE THING THAT WAS FORBES...
THE STENCH IS TERRIBLE!

EXHAUSTED, YOU DRIVE HOME AND FALL INTO BED...IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT...
NOW THAT I'VE WIPED OUT THE MONSTERS, I CAN SELL MY SECRET FORMULA TO THE COMMIES!

YOU SLEEP, BUT THE REVULSION STAYS WITH YOU, PRODDING YOU TO WAKEFULNESS! YOUR EYES ARE HEAVY, YOUR MOUTH TASTES VILE, YOU STAGGER UP IN THE DARK TOWARD THE BATHROOM...
NEED A DRINK OF WATER!

YOU AND FORBES WERE THERE TOGETHER, REMEMBER? YES, YOU KILLED THE MONSTERS, BUT NOT THE LAST ONE... NOT YET!
THE GUN, WHERE DID I PUT THE GUN?

GEE, MA, I WONDER HOW DAD'LL TAKE THAT JOKE I PLAYED ON HIM, STICKING THAT PICTURE OF THE MONSTER I CUT OUT OF THE MAGAZINE ONTO THE BATHROOM CABINET MIRROR!
THE END

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THE HAUNTED LAKE

PROFESSOR Roydon stopped his car at the end of the road. He stared straight ahead, where Lake Tansfin gleamed in the soft moonlight.

"And you mean to tell me," he asked incredulously, "that a spot as lovely as this is supposed, by the ignorant people of the village, to be haunted?"

The scrawny little man on the seat beside him twisted nervously. "It's not only that it's supposed to be, sir. It really is!"

"Ridiculous!" the portly professor told him. "Absolutely ridiculous!"

"Ah, you may say so, sir, who have never heard the monster cackle out its loneliness across the lake at midnight, but we in the village—"

"Like to make up stories that will attract the tourist trade," Professor Roydon finished for him. "Has anyone ever *seen* the monster, Jim?"

Jim Collins tugged at his collar, as he watched the lake ahead of him, as if expecting it to erupt at any moment. "Yes, lots of people have seen it. Far, far too many! But not one that has seen the Tansfin horror has ever returned to tell the tale of it!"

"That's just my point!" Roydon injected triumphantly. "If no one's ever seen it, how do you really know it's there? And how can you people possibly describe it so thoroughly and in so much detail?"

The long cry of a loon drifted over the lake surface, and Jim Collins started and looked around hurriedly. "Better not be wasting too much time," he muttered. "Better get back soon, before midnight strikes!"

"You haven't answered my question," Roydon pointed out. "How can you village people possibly know what the monster looks like?"

"Well, sir, some of us have seen it from a distance late at night. And not been any the better for it, let me tell you! And then of course, there's the legend."

"The legend? You mean the superstitious anecdote about how the whole thing was supposed to have started? Surely *you* don't believe that, Jim?"

"Don't I though?" Collins laughed bitterly. "Since old man Tansfin was one of my ancestors? Of course I believe it, professor, *of course I do.*"

The professor looked up at the moon sliding heavily through the clouds and stroked his chin. "It *is* named after old Ebenezer Tansfin, isn't it? I mean, *everything:* the monster is named after the lake, the lake is named after the village and the village after the man who founded it, one of the greatest pioneers in this part of the country. A man who carved whole settlements out of the wilderness!"

"That may be what the history books say about him," Jim remarked morosely, "but folks here in the town of Tansfin have had a different kind of story handed down to them. It don't jibe with them books."

"Tell me about it," the professor encouraged, lighting his pipe and settling down behind the wheel. "After all that's why I came out here in the first place. To get material for the regional history I'm writing."

Collins started to speak, then abruptly pulled his watch out and scrutinized it carefully. "Better be leaving in about five minutes," he commented. "Don't pay to take no chances! Well, I guess you all know about old Ebenezer Tansfin's early life after he came out here."

"I do. How he married and raised a large family. How he concluded a treaty of peace with a small Indian tribe in this area.

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THE NIGHT CRAWLERS

DENNIS! IT'S LATE! COME TO BED!

SHUT UP AND DON'T BOTHER ME!

AH! THERE'S A NICE JUICY ONE!

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EVERY NIGHT YOU'RE OUT HERE, AREN'T YOU, DENNIS? LOOKING, LOOKING...

NOBODY ELSE UNDERSTANDS, THOUGH! HOW COULD THEY...THEY'RE SO STUPID!

LOOK AT THEM, DENNIS! AREN'T THEY BEAUTIFUL? HOW CAN ANY FISH RESIST THE FAT, LUSCIOUS...

...NIGHT CRAWLERS!

AND WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THESE WORMS, DENNIS? YOU USE THEM AS BAIT ON YOUR OWN PRIVATE LAKE THAT YOU KEEP WELL-STOCKED WITH BIG BASS...

A STRIKE! AH-HA! THOSE NIGHT CRAWLERS WORK EVERY TIME!

AND WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE FISH YOU CATCH? LISTEN TO YOUR WIFE, DENNIS...SHE'LL TELL YOU...

ALL YOU DO IS LEAVE THEM AROUND TO ROT! IT'S A SHAME, TREATING THE POOR FISH LIKE THAT! YOU'RE MEAN AND VICIOUS!

AW, SHUT UP! I'M GOING OUT AFTER MORE NIGHT CRAWLERS!

NOW THERE ARE A LOT OF FISHERMEN, DENNIS, WHO LOOK FOR NIGHT CRAWLERS AND USE THEM AS BAIT... BUT SOMEHOW YOU'RE DIFFERENT...

YOU SEEM TO GET MORE OF A KICK OUT OF HUNTING THE BAIT THAN IN FISHING!

SO, ALL NIGHT LONG, NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, YOU GO ON YOUR STRANGE QUEST...THE LONG, FEVERISH SEARCH FOR THE CREEPING, SLITHERING THINGS OF THE NIGHT...

THEN, ONE NIGHT, YOU GET HOME WITH A NICE BIG HAUL OF WORMS! YOU'RE REALLY HAPPY UNTIL YOU SEE YOUR WIFE...

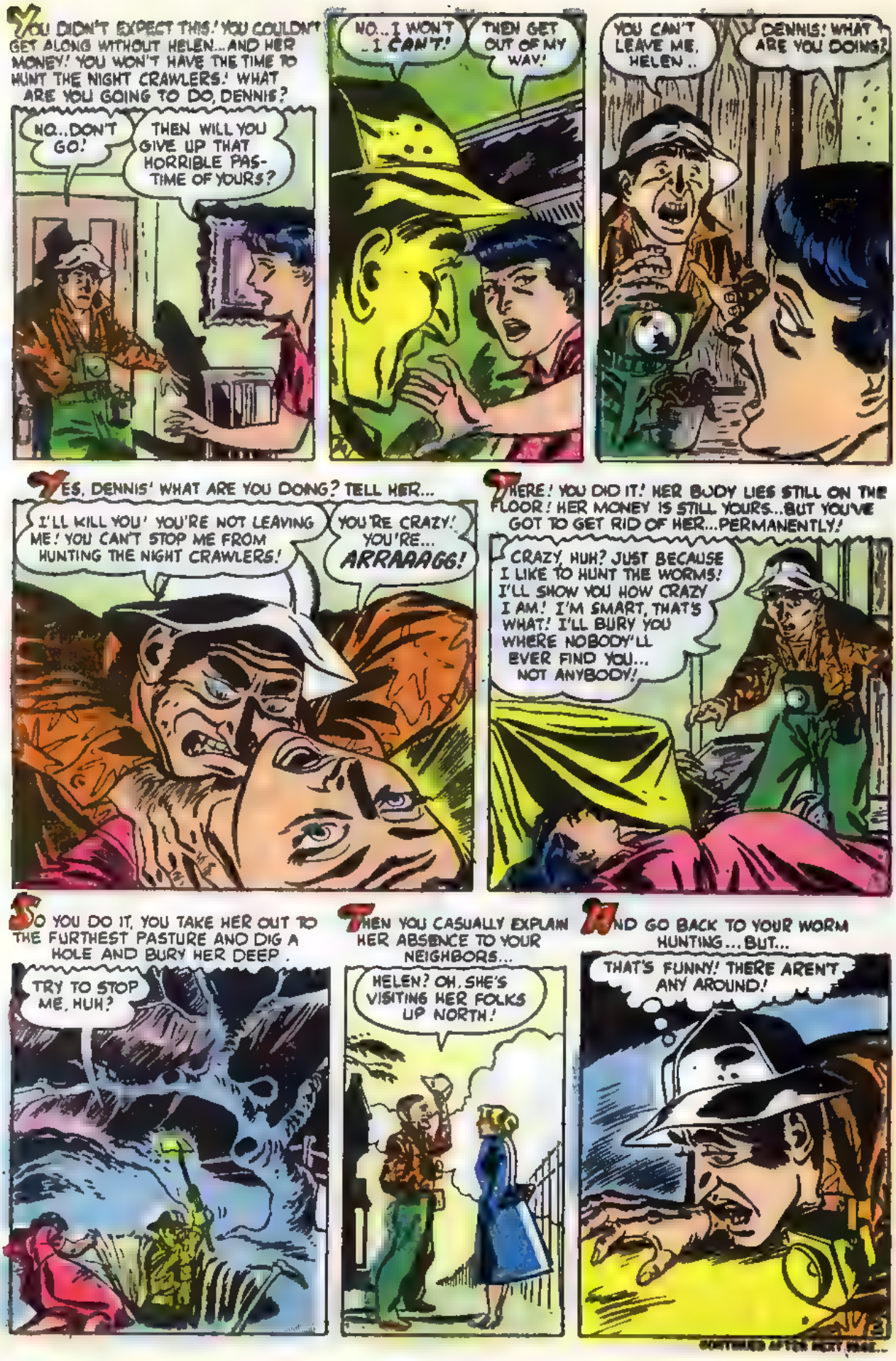
LOOK WHAT I...FOR PETE'S SAKE, HELEN, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

I'M LEAVING YOU, DENNIS! I CAN'T STAND THIS ANY MORE! IT MAKES ME SICK!

LISTEN TO HER, DENNIS! WHAT SHE'S SAYING IS MAKING YOU SICK NOW, ISN'T IT?

ALL YOU DO IS HUNT THOSE UGLY THINGS, AND GO FISHING! WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH! MY MONEY'S SUPPORTED YOU SO YOU COULD WASTE YOUR TIME HUNTING NIGHT CRAWLERS, BUT THAT'S ALL OVER! I'M THROUGH!

YOU...YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME, HELEN!


YOU DIDN'T EXPECT THIS! YOU COULDN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT HELEN...AND HER MONEY! YOU WON'T HAVE THE TIME TO HUNT THE NIGHT CRAWLERS! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, DENNIS?
NO...DON'T GO!
THEN WILL YOU GIVE UP THAT HORRIBLE PASTIME OF YOURS?
NO...I WON'T ...I CAN'T!
THEN GET OUT OF MY WAY!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME, HELEN..
DENNIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YES, DENNIS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TELL HER...
I'LL KILL YOU! YOU'RE NOT LEAVING ME! YOU CAN'T STOP ME FROM HUNTING THE NIGHT CRAWLERS!
YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU'RE... ARRAAAGG!
THERE! YOU DID IT! HER BODY LIES STILL ON THE FLOOR! HER MONEY IS STILL YOURS...BUT YOU'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HER...PERMANENTLY!
CRAZY, HUH? JUST BECAUSE I LIKE TO HUNT THE WORMS! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW CRAZY I AM! I'M SMART, THAT'S WHAT! I'LL BURY YOU WHERE NOBODY'LL EVER FIND YOU... NOT ANYBODY!
SO YOU DO IT, YOU TAKE HER OUT TO THE FURTHEST PASTURE AND DIG A HOLE AND BURY HER DEEP.
TRY TO STOP ME, HUH?
THEN YOU CASUALLY EXPLAIN HER ABSENCE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS...
HELEN? OH, SHE'S VISITING HER FOLKS UP NORTH!
AND GO BACK TO YOUR WORM HUNTING... BUT...
THAT'S FUNNY! THERE AREN'T ANY AROUND!

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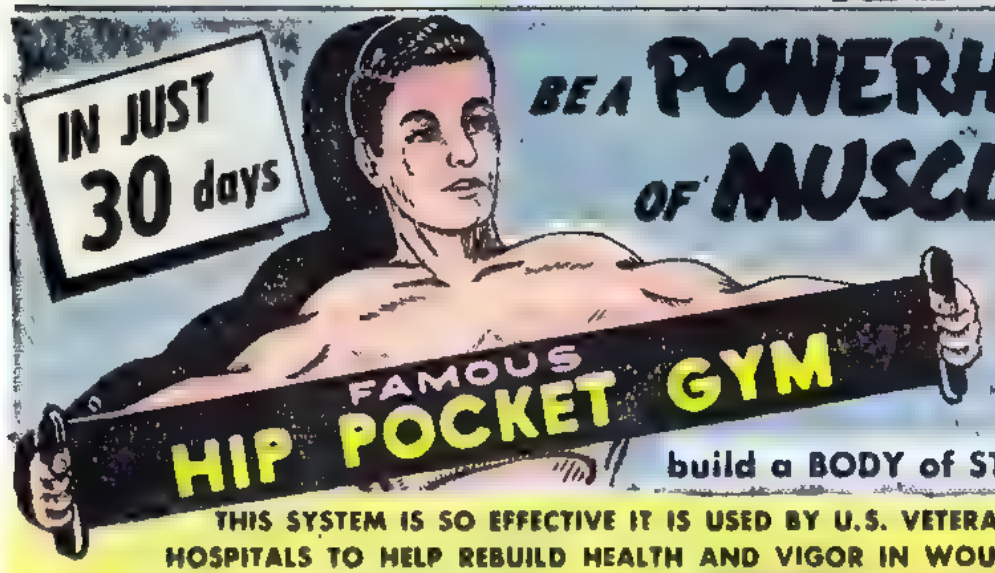

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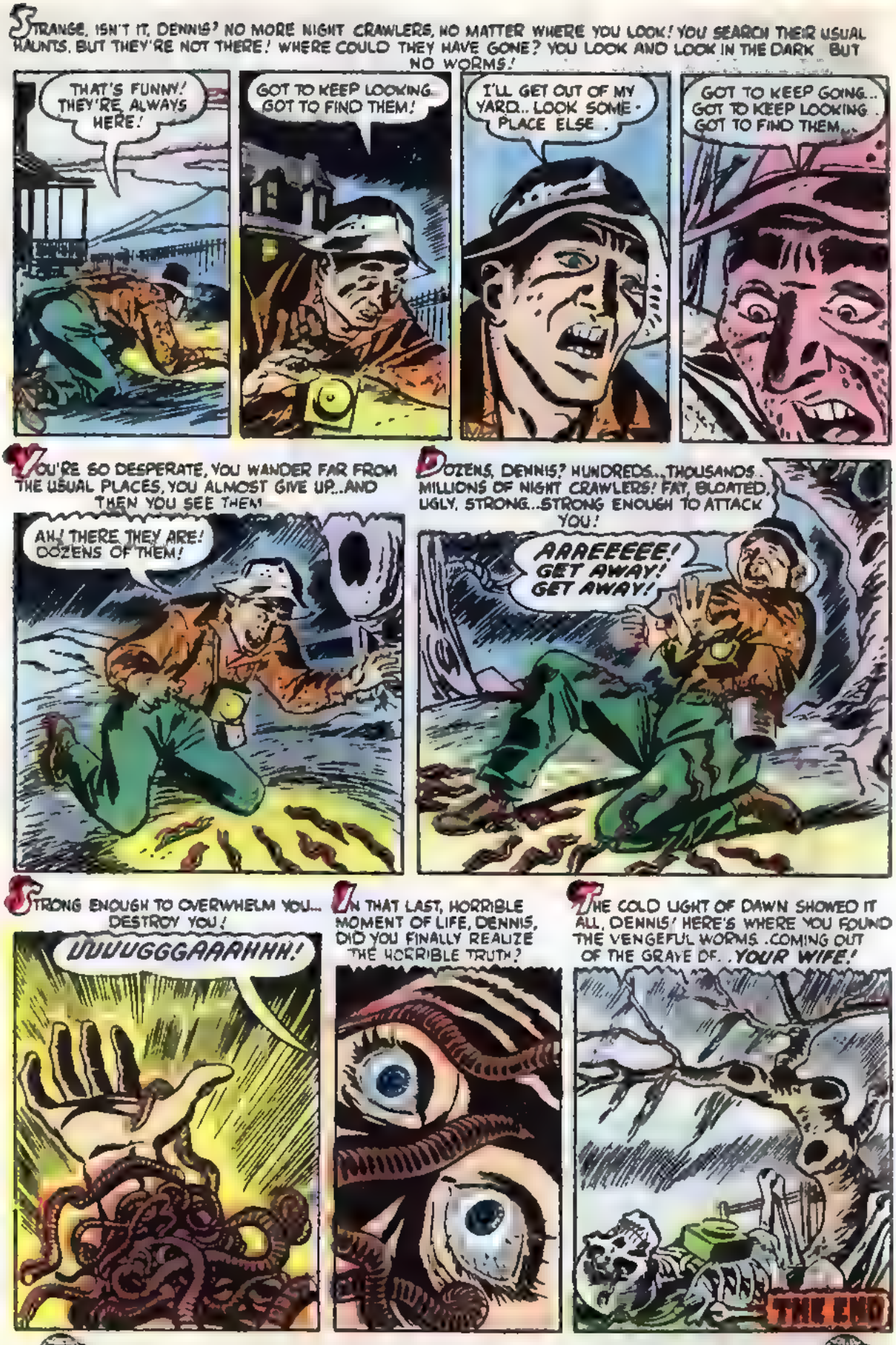
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THAT'S FUNNY! THEY'RE ALWAYS HERE!
GOT TO KEEP LOOKING. GOT TO FIND THEM!
I'LL GET OUT OF MY YARD... LOOK SOME-PLACE ELSE.
GOT TO KEEP GOING... GOT TO KEEP LOOKING. GOT TO FIND THEM...
YOU'RE SO DESPERATE, YOU WANDER FAR FROM THE USUAL PLACES, YOU ALMOST GIVE UP...AND THEN YOU SEE THEM!
AH! THERE THEY ARE! DOZENS OF THEM!
DOZENS, DENNIS? HUNDREDS...THOUSANDS.. MILLIONS OF NIGHT CRAWLERS! FAT, BLOATED, UGLY, STRONG...STRONG ENOUGH TO ATTACK YOU!
AAREEEEE! GET AWAY! GET AWAY!
STRONG ENOUGH TO OVERWHELM YOU... DESTROY YOU!
UUUUGGGAAAHHH!
IN THAT LAST, HORRIBLE MOMENT OF LIFE, DENNIS, DID YOU FINALLY REALIZE THE HORRIBLE TRUTH?
THE COLD LIGHT OF DAWN SHOWED IT ALL, DENNIS! HERE'S WHERE YOU FOUND THE VENGEFUL WORMS .COMING OUT OF THE GRAVE OF. . YOUR WIFE!
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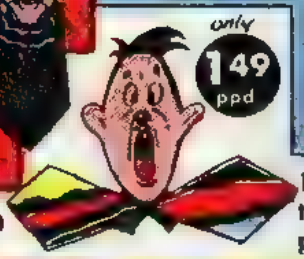

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THE FAKE!

LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR! THAT'S WHAT YOU *REALLY* LOOK LIKE! AND WHAT YOU ONCE LOOKED LIKE IS IN THE PICTURE! QUITE A DIFFERENCE, EH? BUT... *WATCH!*

A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!

YES, AGNES, THERE'S QUITE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FACE IN THE MIRROR AND THE ONE IN THE PICTURE! THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THE SAME PERSON...BUT YOU KNOW DIFFERENTLY! YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT HOW YOU LOOK NOW, ARE YOU?

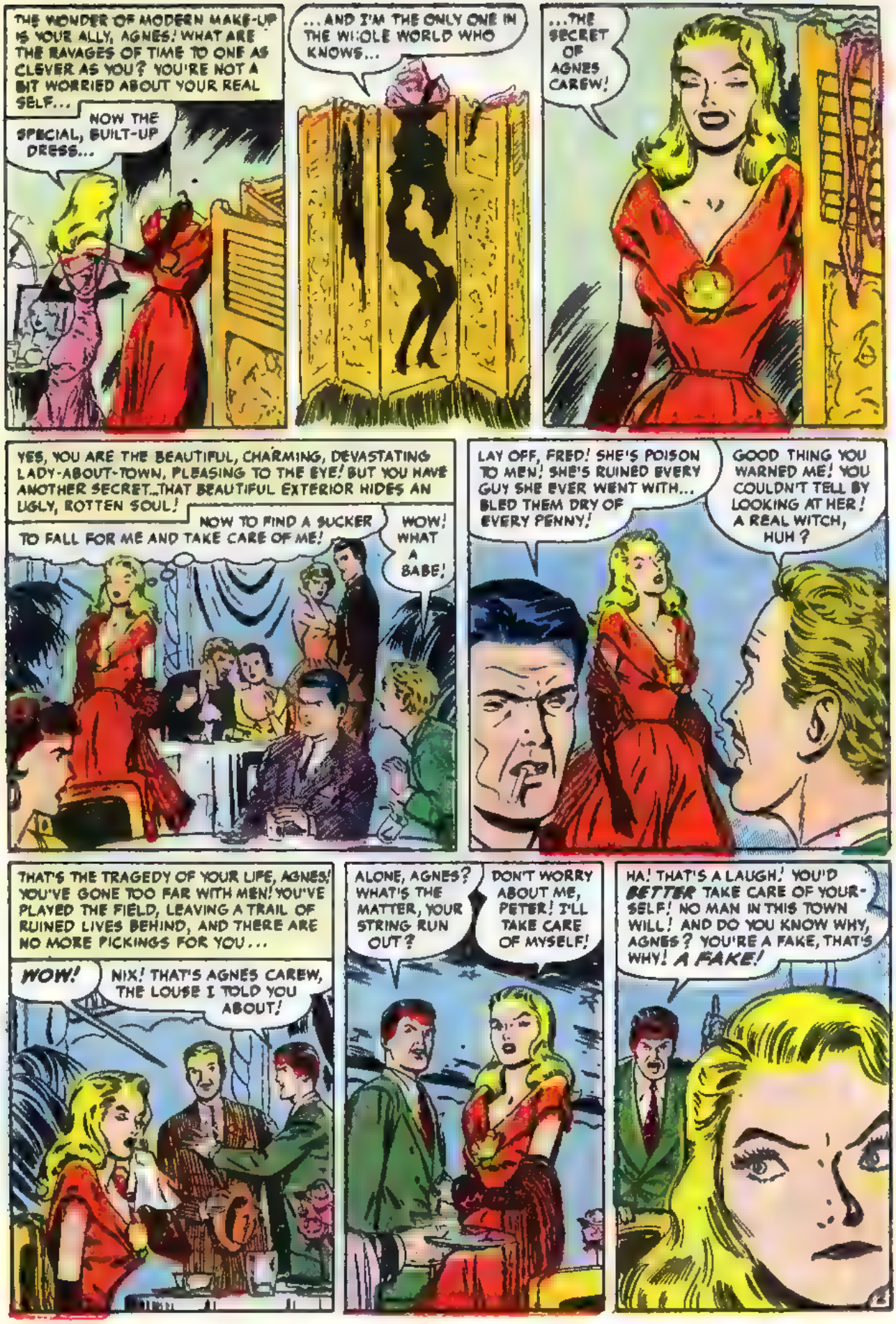
FIRST...MY SPARKLING TEETH...

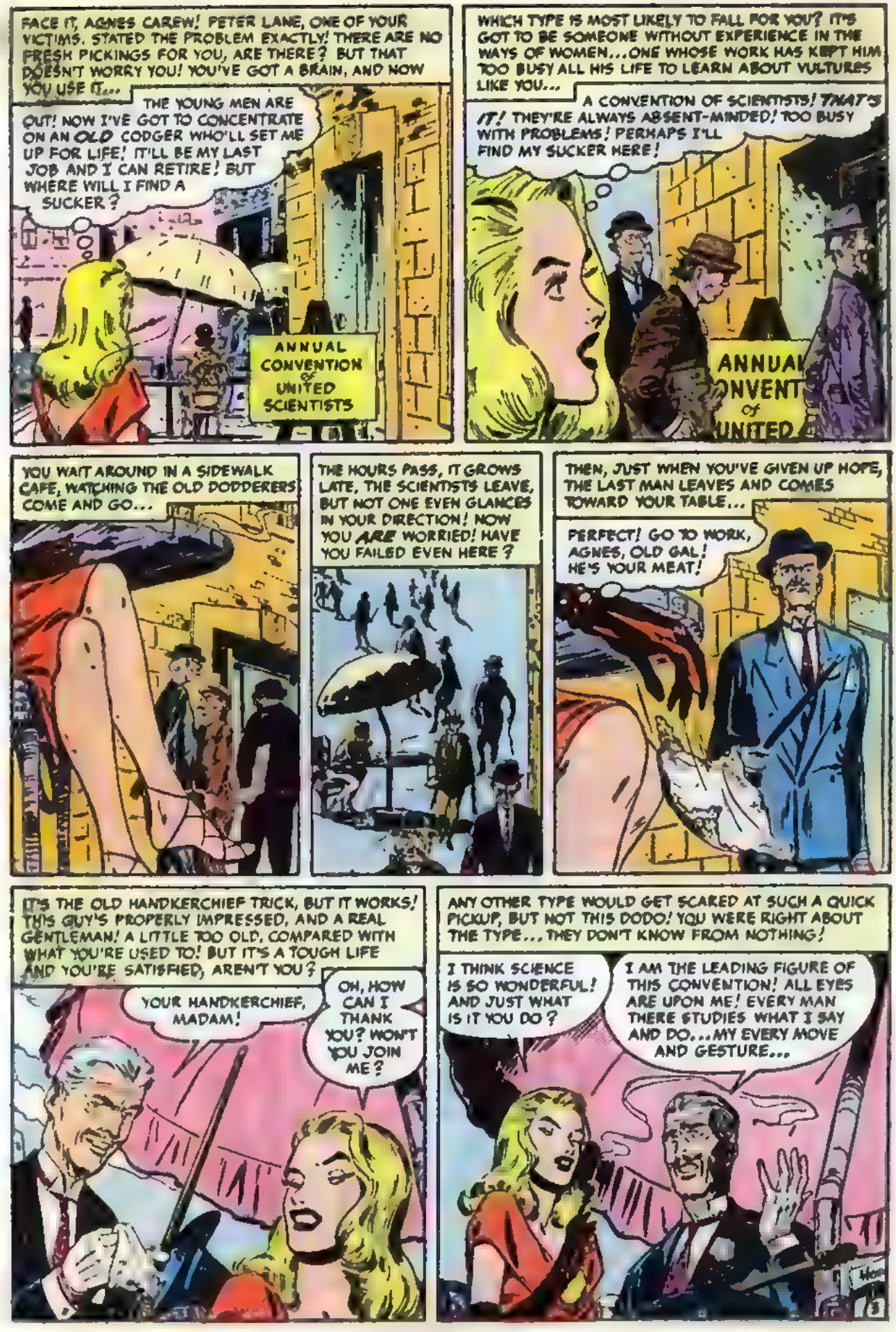
THEN MY LOVELY BLONDE HAIR...

IT'S MAGIC, ISN'T IT, AGNES? ALREADY THE CHANGE IS TAKING PLACE! YOUR FACE FILLS OUT... THE WIG IS A CROWNING GLORY... BUT THERE'S MORE TO COME...

NOW THE LONG, LANGUISHING FALSE LASHES!

NEXT, HEAVY PANCAKE MAKE-UP...


THE WONDER OF MODERN MAKE-UP IS YOUR ALLY, AGNES! WHAT ARE THE RAVAGES OF TIME TO ONE AS CLEVER AS YOU? YOU'RE NOT A BIT WORRIED ABOUT YOUR REAL SELF...
NOW THE SPECIAL, BUILT-UP DRESS...
...AND I'M THE ONLY ONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD WHO KNOWS...
...THE SECRET OF AGNES CAREW!
YES, YOU ARE THE BEAUTIFUL, CHARMING, DEVASTATING LADY-ABOUT-TOWN, PLEASING TO THE EYE! BUT YOU HAVE ANOTHER SECRET...THAT BEAUTIFUL EXTERIOR HIDES AN UGLY, ROTTEN SOUL!
NOW TO FIND A SUCKER TO FALL FOR ME AND TAKE CARE OF ME!
WOW! WHAT A BABE!
LAY OFF, FRED! SHE'S POISON TO MEN! SHE'S RUINED EVERY GUY SHE EVER WENT WITH... BLED THEM DRY OF EVERY PENNY!
GOOD THING YOU WARNED ME! YOU COULDN'T TELL BY LOOKING AT HER! A REAL WITCH, HUH?
THAT'S THE TRAGEDY OF YOUR LIFE, AGNES! YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR WITH MEN! YOU'VE PLAYED THE FIELD, LEAVING A TRAIL OF RUINED LIVES BEHIND, AND THERE ARE NO MORE PICKINGS FOR YOU...
WOW!
NIX! THAT'S AGNES CAREW, THE LOUSE I TOLD YOU ABOUT!
ALONE, AGNES? WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOUR STRING RUN OUT?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, PETER! I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
HA! THAT'S A LAUGH! YOU'D BETTER TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF! NO MAN IN THIS TOWN WILL! AND DO YOU KNOW WHY, AGNES? YOU'RE A FAKE, THAT'S WHY! A FAKE!


FACE IT, AGNES CAREW! PETER LANE, ONE OF YOUR VICTIMS, STATED THE PROBLEM EXACTLY! THERE ARE NO FRESH PICKINGS FOR YOU, ARE THERE? BUT THAT DOESN'T WORRY YOU! YOU'VE GOT A BRAIN, AND NOW YOU USE IT...
THE YOUNG MEN ARE OUT! NOW I'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON AN OLD CODGER WHO'LL SET ME UP FOR LIFE! IT'LL BE MY LAST JOB AND I CAN RETIRE! BUT WHERE WILL I FIND A SUCKER?
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WHICH TYPE IS MOST LIKELY TO FALL FOR YOU? IT'S GOT TO BE SOMEONE WITHOUT EXPERIENCE IN THE WAYS OF WOMEN...ONE WHOSE WORK HAS KEPT HIM TOO BUSY ALL HIS LIFE TO LEARN ABOUT VULTURES LIKE YOU...
A CONVENTION OF SCIENTISTS! THAT'S IT! THEY'RE ALWAYS ABSENT-MINDED! TOO BUSY WITH PROBLEMS! PERHAPS I'LL FIND MY SUCKER HERE!
ANNUAL CONVENT of UNITED
YOU WAIT AROUND IN A SIDEWALK CAFE, WATCHING THE OLD DODDERERS COME AND GO...
THE HOURS PASS, IT GROWS LATE, THE SCIENTISTS LEAVE, BUT NOT ONE EVEN GLANCES IN YOUR DIRECTION! NOW YOU ARE WORRIED! HAVE YOU FAILED EVEN HERE?
THEN, JUST WHEN YOU'VE GIVEN UP HOPE, THE LAST MAN LEAVES AND COMES TOWARD YOUR TABLE...
PERFECT! GO TO WORK, AGNES, OLD GAL! HE'S YOUR MEAT!
IT'S THE OLD HANDKERCHIEF TRICK, BUT IT WORKS! THIS GUY'S PROPERLY IMPRESSED, AND A REAL GENTLEMAN! A LITTLE TOO OLD, COMPARED WITH WHAT YOU'RE USED TO! BUT IT'S A TOUGH LIFE AND YOU'RE SATISFIED, AREN'T YOU?
YOUR HANDKERCHIEF, MADAM!
OH, HOW CAN I THANK YOU? WON'T YOU JOIN ME?
ANY OTHER TYPE WOULD GET SCARED AT SUCH A QUICK PICKUP, BUT NOT THIS DODO! YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT THE TYPE... THEY DON'T KNOW FROM NOTHING!
I THINK SCIENCE IS SO WONDERFUL! AND JUST WHAT IS IT YOU DO?
I AM THE LEADING FIGURE OF THIS CONVENTION! ALL EYES ARE UPON ME! EVERY MAN THERE STUDIES WHAT I SAY AND DO...MY EVERY MOVE AND GESTURE...
Hoo
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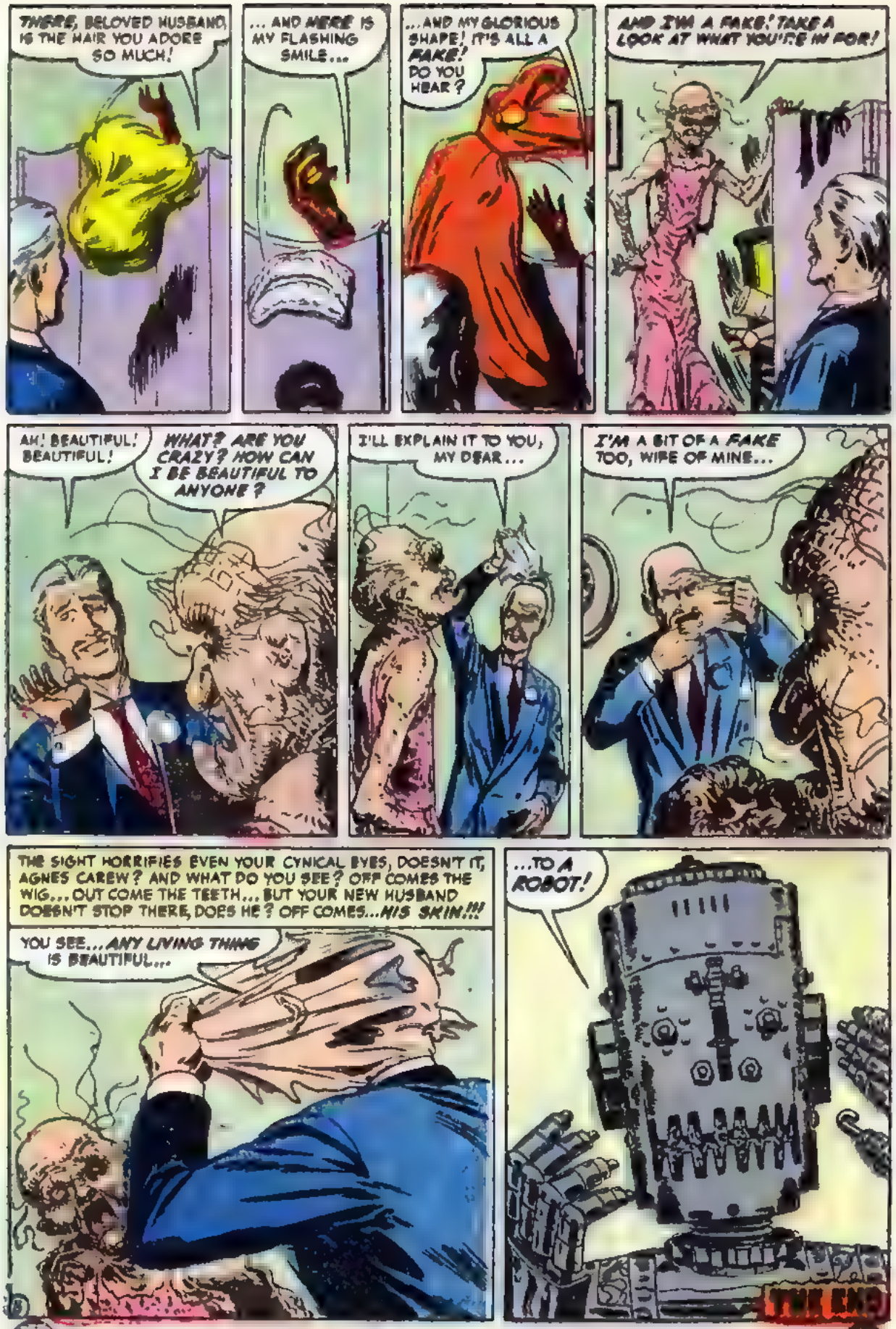
YOU'VE HIT THE JACKPOT! HE'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE CONVENTION... AND HE'S FALLEN FOR YOU LIKE A TON OF BRICKS! YOU PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS AND TURN ON THE CHARM SO THAT HE DATES YOU EVERY DAY AFTER THE CONVENTION SESSIONS...
THEN IT COMES...THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
AGNES, MY DEAR, YOU ARE VERY BEAUTIFUL... TOO MUCH SO FOR AN OLD MAN LIKE ME! I'M NOT QUITE WHAT I LOOK LIKE... MY HAIR... MY TEETH... THEY'RE FALSE, AND...
STOP, ROBERT! LOOKS ARE NOT IMPORTANT! IT'S CHARACTER THAT COUNTS WITH ME!
I BEG YOU TO BECOME...
...YOUR WIFE! OF COURSE, DARLING! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW ANXIOUS I AM TO MARRY YOU!
THE SUCKER! ONCE YOU GET YOUR HOOKS INTO HIM, YOU'LL FIX HIM LIKE YOU DID THE OTHERS! BUT FIRST YOU AND HE ELOPE TO A STATE WHERE THERE ARE QUICK MARRIAGES...
I PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE...
DARLING, I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT ONE AS LOVELY AS YOU IS MY WIFE!
OH, SHUT UP!
NOW YOU REALLY LET HIM HAVE IT! YOU SHOW YOUR TRUE SIDE AND YOU WANT HIM TO SQUIRM WHEN HE SEES IT!
YOU'RE JUST A SUCKER! I MARRIED YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE RICH AND FAMOUS! NOW THAT I'VE GOT YOU WHERE I WANT YOU, I DON'T CARE IF YOU KNOW IT!
I DON'T CARE WHY YOU MARRIED ME! YOU'RE MINE AND YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! I'LL NEVER LET YOU GO!
IS THAT SO? WELL, JUST WAIT A MINUTE WHILE I STEP BEHIND THIS SCREEN, MY DEAR HUSBAND, AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR!
BEAUTIFUL... BEAUTIFUL...


THERE, BELOVED HUSBAND, IS THE HAIR YOU ADORE SO MUCH!
... AND HERE IS MY FLASHING SMILE...
...AND MY GLORIOUS SHAPE! IT'S ALL A FAKE! DO YOU HEAR?
AND I'M A FAKE! TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE IN FOR!
AH! BEAUTIFUL! BEAUTIFUL!
WHAT? ARE YOU CRAZY? HOW CAN I BE BEAUTIFUL TO ANYONE?
I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU, MY DEAR...
I'M A BIT OF A FAKE TOO, WIFE OF MINE...
THE SIGHT HORRIFIES EVEN YOUR CYNICAL EYES, DOESN'T IT, AGNES CAREW? AND WHAT DO YOU SEE? OFF COMES THE WIG... OUT COME THE TEETH... BUT YOUR NEW HUSBAND DOESN'T STOP THERE, DOES HE? OFF COMES... HIS SKIN!!!
YOU SEE... ANY LIVING THING IS BEAUTIFUL...
...TO A ROBOT!
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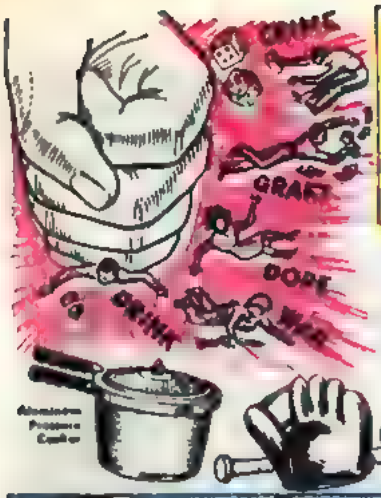

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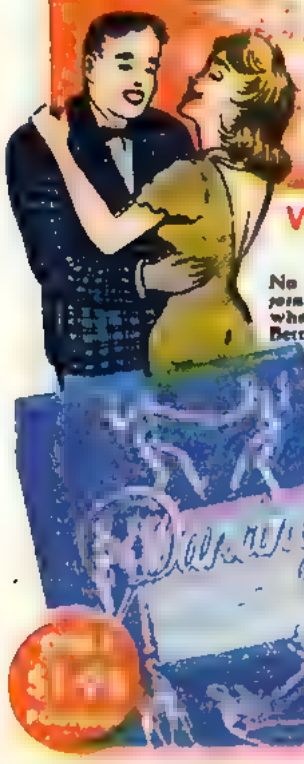

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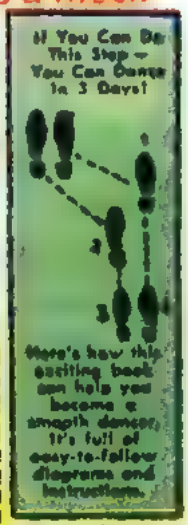

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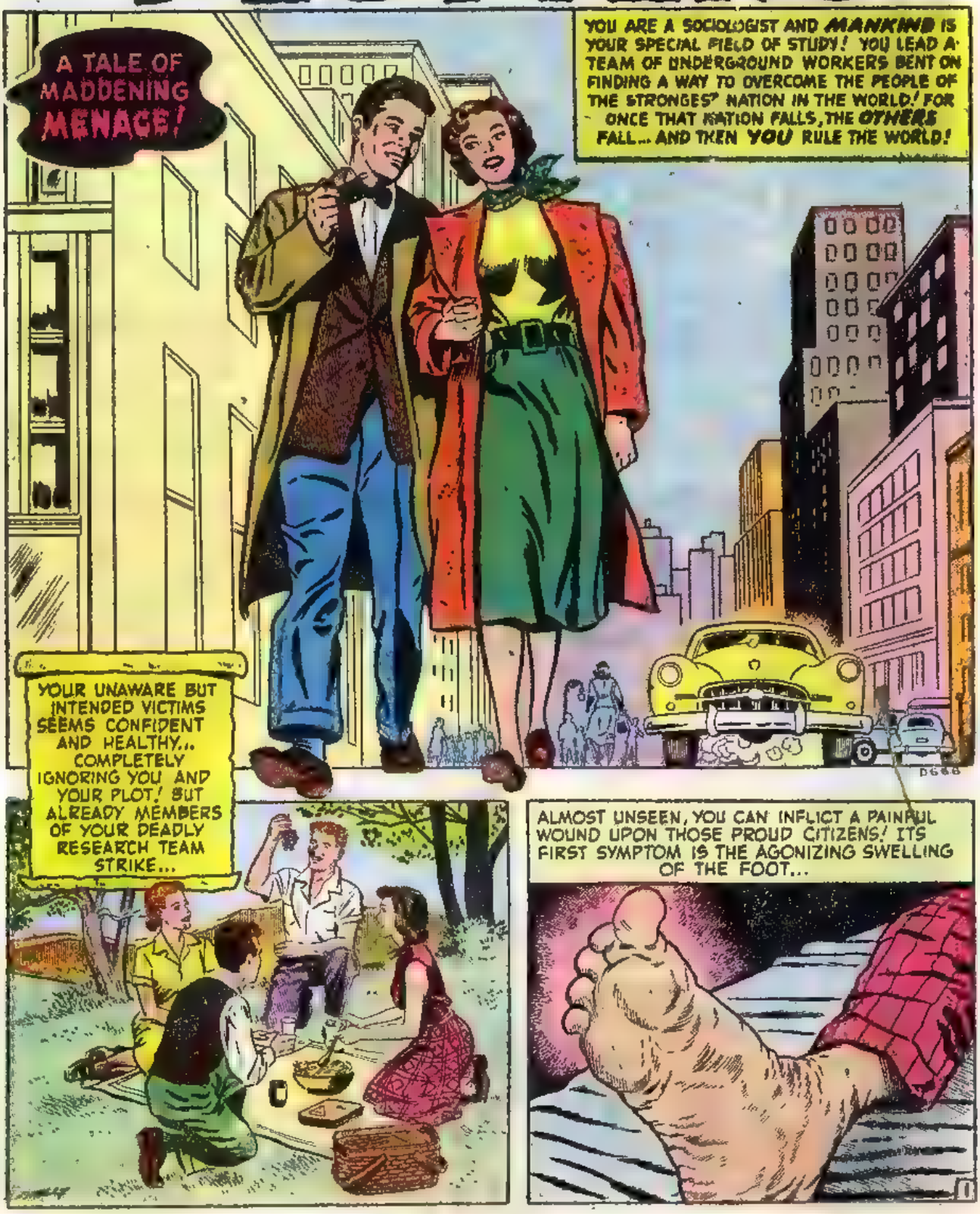
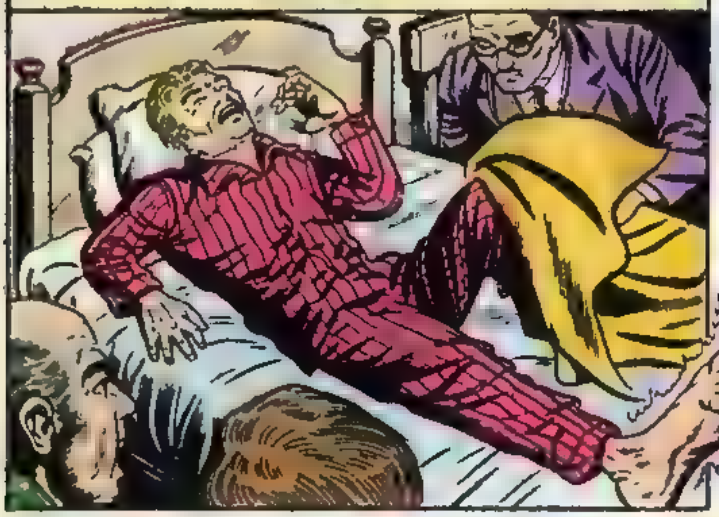

A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!
YOU ARE A SOCIOLOGIST AND MANKIND IS YOUR SPECIAL FIELD OF STUDY! YOU LEAD A TEAM OF UNDERGROUND WORKERS BENT ON FINDING A WAY TO OVERCOME THE PEOPLE OF THE STRONGEST NATION IN THE WORLD! FOR ONCE THAT NATION FALLS, THE OTHERS FALL... AND THEN YOU RULE THE WORLD!
YOUR UNAWARE BUT INTENDED VICTIMS SEEMS CONFIDENT AND HEALTHY... COMPLETELY IGNORING YOU AND YOUR PLOT! BUT ALREADY MEMBERS OF YOUR DEADLY RESEARCH TEAM STRIKE...
ALMOST UNSEEN, YOU CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL WOUND UPON THOSE PROUD CITIZENS! ITS FIRST SYMPTOM IS THE AGONIZING SWELLING OF THE FOOT...

CALMLY, WITH SCIENTIFIC DETACHMENT, YOU WATCH THE VICTIM SCREAM AND WRITHE IN HIS DEATH THROES! YOU HAVE FOUND ONE WAY, BUT A SLOW ONE, TO CONQUER THESE PEOPLE...



THEN ONE OF YOUR STAFF SUGGESTS A QUICKER WAY... DESTROY THEIR FOOD SUPPLY WHILE THEY SLEEP...

AND WHEN THEY DISCOVER THEIR RUINED FARMLANDS, STRIPPED OF ALL FRESH GROWN FOOD, YOU WATCH WITH CONFIDENCE...

SOON, THE HUNGRY MASSES ARE BEYOND CONTROL IN THEIR WILD SEARCH FOR FOOD..

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BUT THE COUNTLESS THOUSANDS WHO FIND NO FOOD, SINK TO THE GROUND, WEAK AND FAMISHED, THEIR EMPTY STOMACHS DISTENDED BY GNAWING STARVATION...

THAT METHOD OF ATTACK IS GOOD, BUT THERE IS A FASTER WAY ACCORDING TO YOUR CHIEF BIOLOGIST! YOU ARE IMMUNE TO CERTAIN GERMS YOUR ENEMY CANNOT SURVIVE! THESE LETHAL BACTERIA ARE SHOWN TO YOU...

AND WHEN YOU SPREAD THESE GERMS, THEY TAKE THEIR TOLL WITH SUDDEN TERROR...

AND THE VICTIMS' LURID, SPLOTCHED FACES ANNOUNCE THE GRIM PRESENCE OF *THE PLAGUE!*

BUT WHILE THE PLAGUE TAKES ITS EFFECT, THEY HAVE WEAPONS TO ATTACK YOU! NO, IT ISN'T THEIR GUNS AND TANKS YOU FEAR...

NOR THEIR H-BOMBS...

BUT UNTIL THEIR *ONE* REALLY DEADLY WEAPON CAN BE NEUTRALIZED, YOU WILL NOT SIT IN THE HALL OF NATIONS AS THE UNRIVALED RULER OF THE WORLD...

THEN, ONE OF YOUR RESEARCHERS RUSHES IN! THEIR CHIEF WEAPON HAS BEEN NEUTRALIZED! A NEW GENERATION OF YOUR WARRIORS HAS BEEN RAISED, COMPLETELY IMMUNE TO THEIR DEADLY WEAPON! YOU RUSH TO SEE YOUR NEW WARRIORS PROVE THEIR IMMUNITY, FOR IF THIS *IS* TRUE, YOU CAN CONQUER ALL MANKIND!

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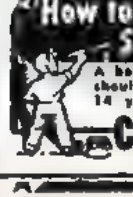

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"All that's true," the villager nodded. "But it leaves out the last years of his life. I guess his richer descendants have seen to it that no one ever heard of the five years in which old Ebenezer went bad."

"Went bad?" Roydon echoed. "What in the world happened to him?"

Collins shook his head. "No one knows. Maybe he fell in love with money as he grew older. The bank was making a lot of it at that time. Anyhow, all his love of people turned sour. He started crowding them, trying to squeeze some extra pennies out of their hide. The bank had been doing very well and held a lot of mortgages everywhere. Ebenezer suddenly started f o r e c l o s i n g on his friends."

"Why, I never heard of that!"

"Know that," Jim commented. "Like I said, the story's been kept secret for almost a century. Well, he foreclosed on farm after farm, on house after house, getting richer and richer all the time, until—"

"Until what?" Roydon asked breathlessly.

"Until he hit old lady Reeya. She was an Indian, you see, who had married Thomas Reeya, one of Ebenezer's closest friends. He foreclosed on her place the month after Tom Reeya died. Ebenezer Tansfin drove old lady Reeya and her seven children out into the snow of the worst winter we ever had in these parts. Every one of those kids died before they could reach decent shelter and Mrs. Reeya died a bit

afterwards of a broken heart. But before she died, she put a curse on old Ebenezer Tansfin and declared that no human being should be able to live with him. Well, sir, the curse worked! Every one of his friends, every member of his family, suddenly couldn't stand him any longer. Every one of them moved away until the town was deserted, and Ebenezer went out of his mind with loneliness. He ran down to the lake one night and drowned himself. But the legend says that did no good!"

Roydon took the pipe out of his mouth. "You mean he didn't stay dead?"

"Worse than that! He survived after death, the legend says, in a form so abruptly horrible that no human being can *still* stand him! And they say that he still tries to cure his loneliness in an incredibly awful way, that—Hey, I forgot to look at my watch while I was talking to you! It's past midnight: we'd better get out of here!"

He was about to start the motor of the car when a scream like a million torture chambers rang out over the lake. The top of the car suddenly disappeared as if it had been bitten off—and they saw the unbelievable monster that had once been Ebenezer Tansfin. Before they died of heart failure at the sight, they understood how he tried to cure his loneliness—and what would happen to them now!

For the monster was composed of the shrieking heads of all the people who died upon beholding him! All of the heads faced inward and screamed at the bloated purple head of Ebenezer Tansfin—screamed at him forever!

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HERE'S OUR WINDUP, KIDDIES! HOW WOULD *YOU* FEEL IF YOU WERE ALL ALONE IN A BIG HOUSE, AND A STRANGE MAN ENTERED... YOU'D BE MIGHTY SCARED IF YOU KNEW WHAT THE STRANGER WAS HIDING...

IN THE CARDBOARD BOX

YOU SIT THERE IN YOUR WHEEL CHAIR, YOUR FINGERS PICKING NERVOUSLY AT THE ROBE OVER YOUR LEGS AND YOU TRY TO KEEP CALM! OVER AND OVER AGAIN YOU KEEP SAYING TO YOURSELF "YOU MUSTN'T LOSE YOUR HEAD! YOU MUSTN'T LOSE YOUR HEAD!"
A TALE OF MADDENING MENACE!
MURDERER LOOSE HACKS OFF HEADS OF VICTIMS IN HEINOUS CRIMES
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YOU DON'T LIKE CHANGE! YOU LIKE EVERYTHING TO BE FAMILIAR AND AS YOU'RE USED TO IT! NOW THERE'S CHANGE...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I HAVE TO LEAVE YOU MR. WINTERS, BUT LIKE I SAY, WHEN A PERSON'S DAUGHTER HAS A CHILD AND SHE NEEDS HER MOTHER, THAT'S A PERSON'S FIRST DUTY... SO I'VE GOT TO GO TO HER AND TAKE CARE OF HER!

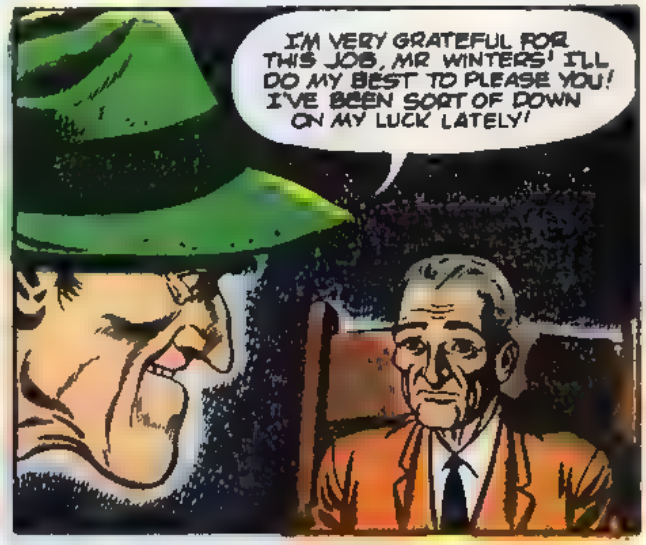
BUT YOU'LL GET ALONG FINE! THE YOUNG MAN WHO ANSWERED THE AD SEEMS SO NICE! AND I EXPLAINED TO HIM HOW YOU HAD A STROKE AND HAVE BEEN A CRIPPLE FOR YEARS, CAN'T TALK OR WALK...AND I'M SURE HE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU.

NOW HERE'S YOUR PAD SO YOU CAN WRITE, ASKING HIM FOR ANYTHING YOU WANT! YOU'LL GET USED TO EACH OTHER! HE SHOULD BE HERE SHORTLY.. I DON'T WANT TO MISS MY BUS! THERE'S THE BELL... THAT MUST BE HIM!
R-RING!

YOU SIT THERE WAITING TO GET YOUR LOOK AT THIS FELLOW WHO IS GOING TO BE YOUR COMPANION, YOUR NURSE, YOUR COOK, YOUR LEGS AND VOICE..

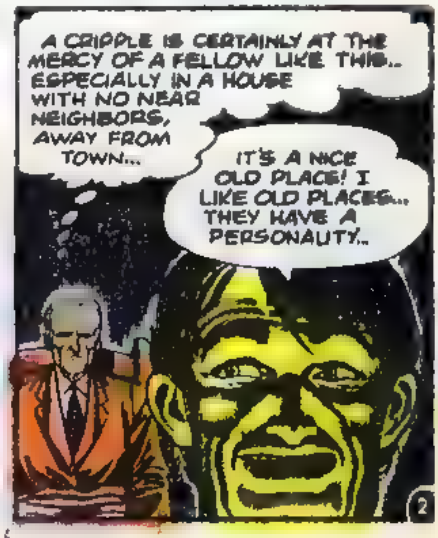
HE STANDS IN THE DOOR WITH THE DAY DYING BEHIND HIM, A CARDBOARD BOX CLUTCHED TIGHTLY IN HIS HANDS! HE IS CLEAN BUT SHABBY! SOMEWHERE IN THE DISTANCE THUNDER RUMBLES.. AND YOU WONDER..

SHE'S GONE THEN, THE WOMAN WHO HAS TAKEN CARE OF YOU FOR FOUR YEARS, AND FREDDY PETERS STANDS IN FRONT OF YOU, SMILING..



YOU WHEEL OUT INTO THE HALL, POINT TO THE CLOSET! HE HANDLES THE CARDBOARD CARTON CAREFULLY AS HE PUTS IT ON THE SHELF...

HE WALKS AROUND THE HOUSE LOOKING, TOUCHING, TALKING CHEERFULLY! AND AS HE TALKS, YOU THINK..


A CRIPPLE IS CERTAINLY AT THE MERCY OF A FELLOW LIKE THIS.. ESPECIALLY IN A HOUSE WITH NO NEAR NEIGHBORS, AWAY FROM TOWN...
IT'S A NICE OLD PLACE! I LIKE OLD PLACES... THEY HAVE A PERSONALITY..
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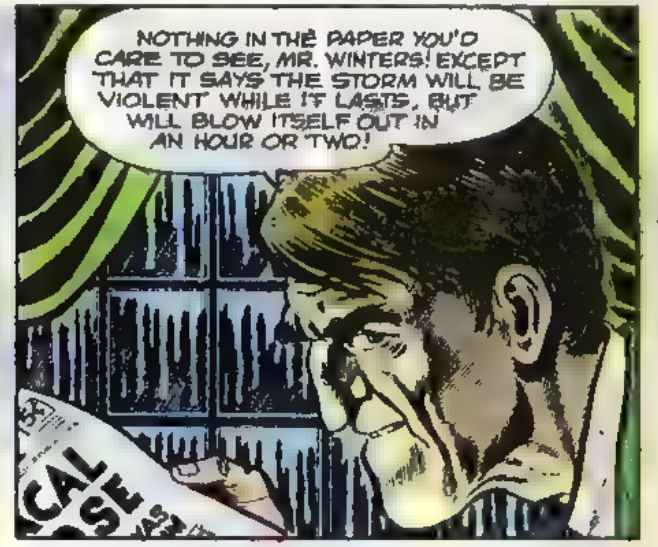
IT'S GETTING DARK EARLY! STORM CLOUDS MUST BE FORMING! YOU SIGNAL HIM TO TURN ON THE LIGHTS..
OH, YOU WANT THE LIGHTS TURNED ON! CERTAINLY, MR WINTERS.. THERE!
HE WANDERS OUT INTO THE HALL! YOU WHEEL OVER TO THE RADIO... PERHAPS THERE'LL BE SOME NEWS OF THE STORM...
I'LL JUST LOCATE MY ROOM... THEN I'LL COME BACK AND YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT YOU'D LIKE FOR SUPPER..
AND WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE POLICE TO ALERT ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS!
RAIN AND WIND HAMMER AT THE WINDOWS, BLOTTING OUT THE SOUND OF THE COMMENTATOR'S VOICE! YOU TURN THE VOLUME UP..
THIS SERIES OF CRIMES IS THE WORST IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT! THIS MANIACAL MURDERER HACKS OFF THE HEADS OF HIS VICTIMS AND CARRIES THEM AWAY...
THE TRAIL OF THIS HEINOUS KILLER HAS LED TO THIS VICINITY! THE LATEST VICTIM BEING..
CLICK!
YOU SHOULDN'T LISTEN TO SUCH THINGS, MR. WINTERS... ESPECIALLY ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS.. IT'S MORBID AND UNHEALTHY! A MAN IN YOUR CONDITION SHOULD BE CALM AND KEEP FROM GETTING NERVOUS..
YOU WHEEL YOUR CHAIR, YOUR EYES FASTENED ON HIS SMILING FACE, WONDERING WHAT GOES ON BEHIND THAT FLESHY MASK! YOU HEAR A NOISE, A FAMILIAR THUMP ON THE PORCH...THE EVENING PAPER BEING DELIVERED..
IT'S THE NEWSPAPER BEING DELIVERED, ISN'T IT? I'LL GET IT!

HE BENDS OVER, PICKING UP THE PAPER ON THE PORCH! LIGHTNING SENDS A SUDDEN SHOCK OF VIVIDNESS ACROSS HIS BODY! YOU SIT THERE, WATCHING. THERE'S NOTHING ELSE YOU CAN DO...

HE SLAMS THE DOOR AGAINST THE WIND GUSTS! BEYOND THE WALLS AND WINDOWS THE STORM HAS TAKEN OVER IN DEADLY EARNEST...

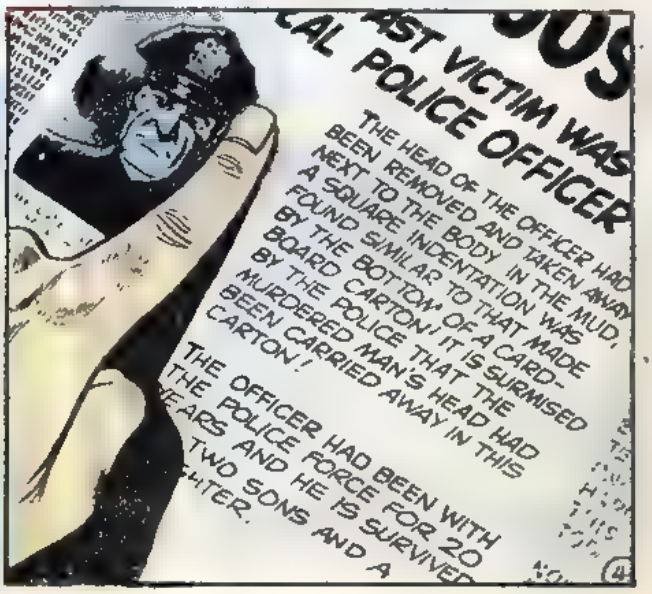

NOTHING IN THE PAPER YOU'D CARE TO SEE, MR. WINTERS! EXCEPT THAT IT SAYS THE STORM WILL BE VIOLENT WHILE IT LASTS, BUT WILL BLOW ITSELF OUT IN AN HOUR OR TWO!

HE THROWS THE PAPER ON THE BUREAU! HE STANDS NEXT TO IT, GRINNING! YOU MUST SEE THAT PAPER... YOU ***MUST!*** SOMEHOW OR OTHER YOU MUST GET HIM OUT OF THE ROOM AND GET TO THAT PAPER! YOU PICK UP YOUR PAD AND PENCIL...

HE WALKS TO THE KITCHEN AND AS SOON AS THE DOOR SWINGS BEHIND HIM, YOU WHEEL TO THE BUREAU AND REACH FOR THE PAPER.

YOUR HANDS TREMBLE AS YOU OPEN IT! IT'S WHAT YOU EXPECTED...

AND UNDER THE HEADLINES, YOU READ...


AST VICTIM WAS
AL POLICE OFFICER
THE HEAD OF THE OFFICER HAD BEEN REMOVED AND TAKEN AWAY
NEXT TO THE BODY IN THE MUD, A SQUARE INDENTATION WAS FOUND SIMILAR TO THAT MADE BY THE BOTTOM OF A CARD-BOARD CARTON! IT IS SURMISED BY THE POLICE THAT THE MURDERED MAN'S HEAD HAD BEEN CARRIED AWAY IN THIS CARTON!
THE OFFICER HAD BEEN WITH THE POLICE FORCE FOR 20 YEARS AND HE IS SURVIVED
TWO SONS AND A

YOU LOOK TOWARD THE HALL CLOSET.. YOU REMEMBER THE CARDBOARD CARTON, THE ONE THAT FREDDY BROUGHT.. THEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT...

THE STORM... IT'S KNOCKED OUT THE ELECTRIC POWER LINES..

SOMEONE'S KNOCKING AT THE DOOR! YOU MUST GET TO IT BEFORE FREDDY HEARS! SWIFTLY YOU WHEEL FORWARD THROUGH THE DARK..

YOU PULL OPEN THE DOOR! A BIG MAN STANDS THERE, WATER DRIPPING FROM HIM! HE'S HOLDING HIS OPEN WALLET OUT AND THE LIGHTNING GLINTS ON THE BADGE PINNED TO IT...

I'M A POLICE SERGEANT! PLAIN CLOTHES DETAIL! CHECKIN' ALL THE HOUSES IN THIS AREA! HAVE YOU SEEN ANY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?

YOU GRAB HIM BY THE ARM... PULL HIM IN...

THEN YOU TAKE YOUR PAD AND YOU WRITE... QUICKLY! YOU WRITE WITH TREMBLING HANDS... YOU WRITE ABOUT FREDDY.

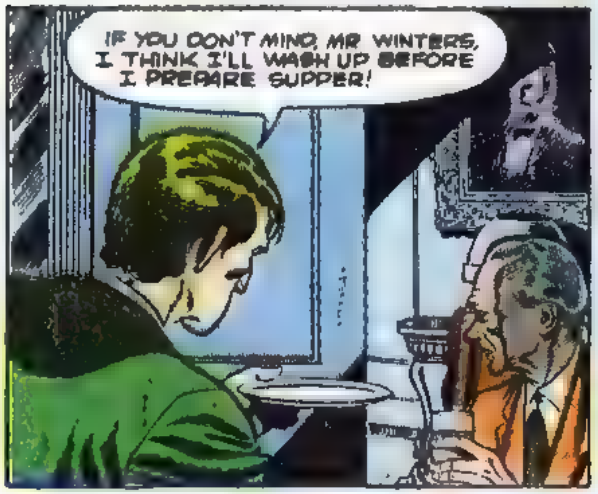
SO! BUT I'VE GOT TO HAVE PROOF! I'LL LOOK AROUND, SEARCH HIS ROOM AND THEN LOCATE THAT CARTON! MEANWHILE, WHEN HE COMES BACK FROM THE KITCHEN, STALL HIM...

I think the murderer is in the house. He came with a cardboard carton.

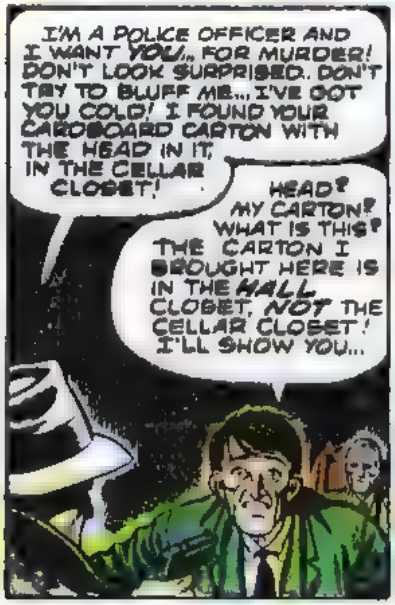
SILENTLY, THE BIG MAN STEPS INTO THE HALL AND VANISHES, JUST AS FREDDY COMES FROM THE KITCHEN WITH YOUR HOT MILK...

WELL, I SEE YOU GOT THE PAPER! TOO BAD ABOUT THE POLICEMAN! HE WAS A SERGEANT! THE MURDERER TOOK HIS CREDENTIALS ALONG WITH HIS HEAD! WONDER WHAT HE WANTED THEM FOR?

THE MURDERER TRACED TO THIS AREA.. STOLE THE POLICE SERGEANT'S CREDENTIALS AFTER HE HACKED OFF HIS HEAD! SLOWLY YOUR HEAD TURNS TOWARD THE HALL WHERE THE BIG MAN DISAPPEARED...



YOU WANT TO SCREAM, "DON'T GO!".. THEN THERE'S MOVEMENT IN THE HALL.. THE BIG MAN STANDS THERE, A GUN IN HIS HAND...


I'M A POLICE OFFICER AND I WANT YOU... FOR MURDER! DON'T LOOK SURPRISED.. DON'T TRY TO BLUFF ME... I'VE GOT YOU COLD! I FOUND YOUR CARDBOARD CARTON WITH THE HEAD IN IT, IN THE CELLAR CLOSET!
HEAD? MY CARTON? WHAT IS THIS? THE CARTON I BROUGHT HERE IS IN THE HALL CLOSET, NOT THE CELLAR CLOSET! I'LL SHOW YOU...

HE'S MOVING TOWARD THE CLOSET! HE MUST BE STOPPED! YOU SHOUT.. AND THE THUNDER OF THE GUN ANSWERS YOU.

YOU SHOUTED.. YOU, WHO HAVEN'T TALKED IN YEARS! BUT NO ONE'S NOTICED! THE SERGEANT IS WALKING TOWARD FREDDY'S BODY...

THE BIG MAN IS ON HIS KNEES, LEANING OVER THE BODY, HIS BACK TO YOU! QUICKLY, YOU PUSH BACK THE ROBE FROM YOUR LAP AND YOU CLUTCH THE RED-BLOTCHED KNIFE IT HID...

AND YOU THINK, AS YOU CREEP TOWARD HIM, HOW CLEVER YOU'VE BEEN ALL THESE YEARS...WHAT A WONDERFUL DISGUISE THE WHEEL CHAIR AND THE ROBE AND THE PAD AND PENCIL HAVE BEEN! WHO WOULD EVER THINK OF ACCUSING A POOR OLD CRIPPLE OF BEING THE HEAD MURDERER?

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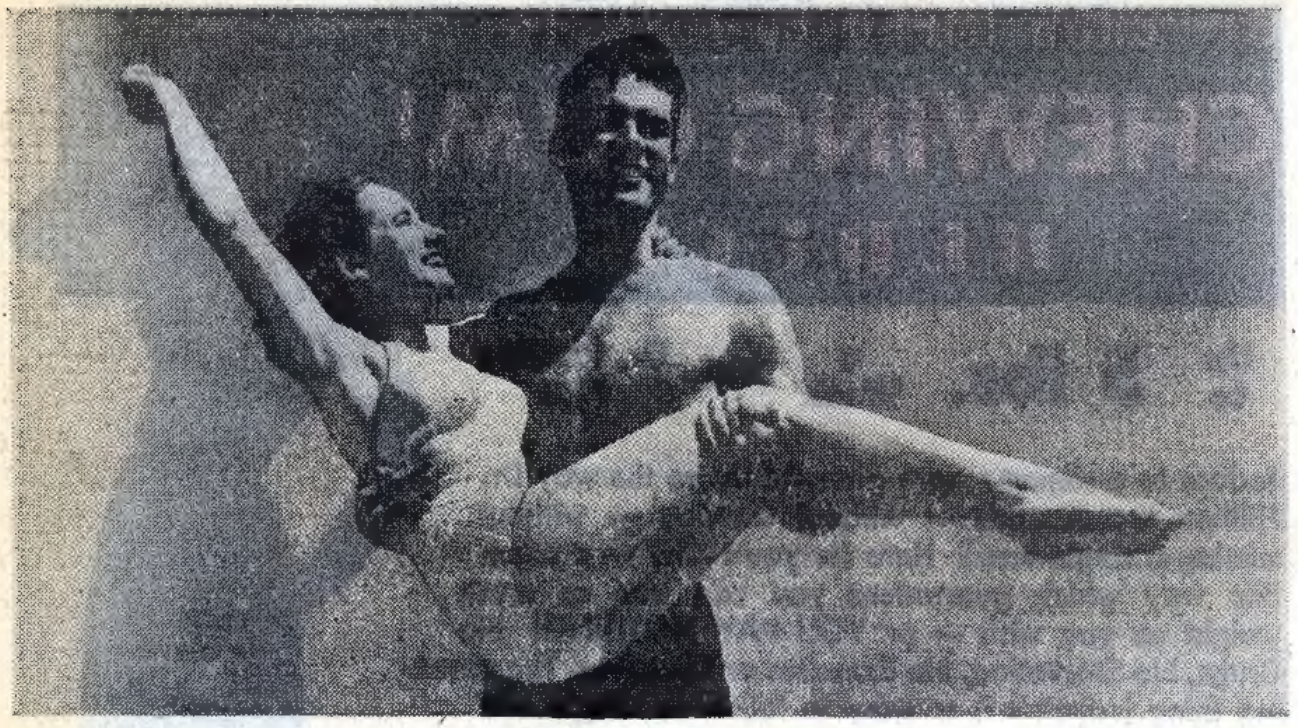

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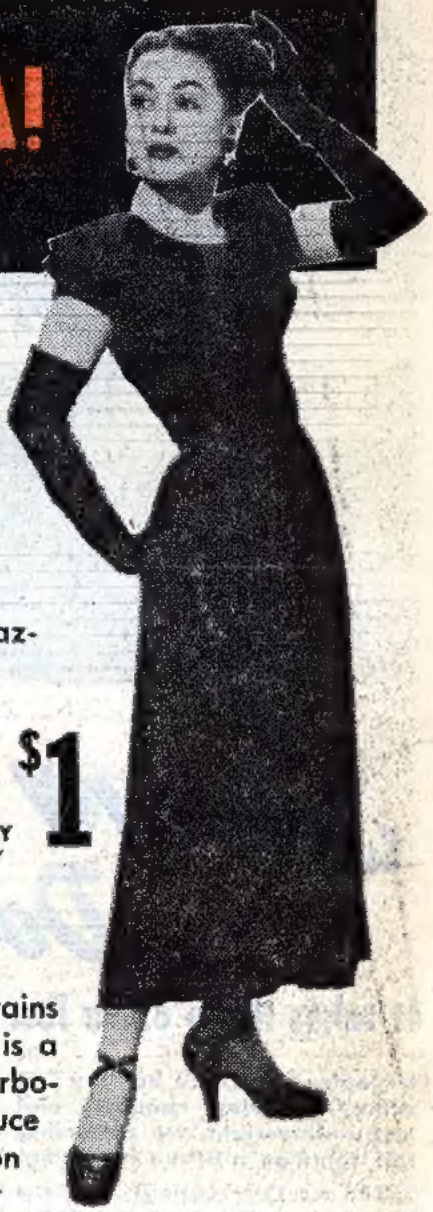

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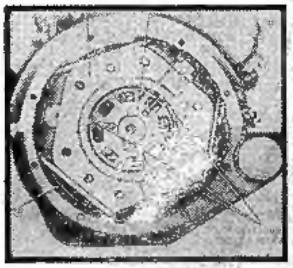

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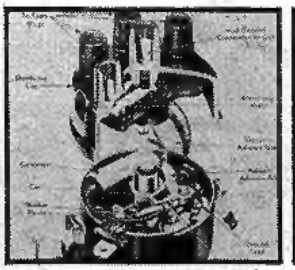

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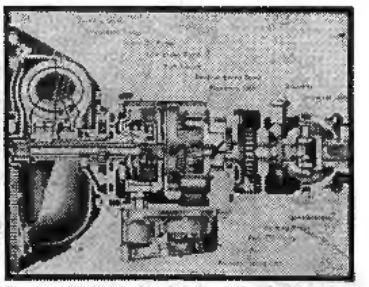

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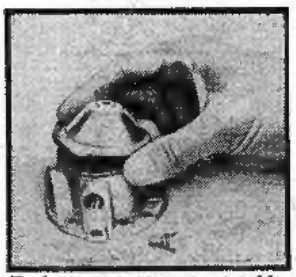

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